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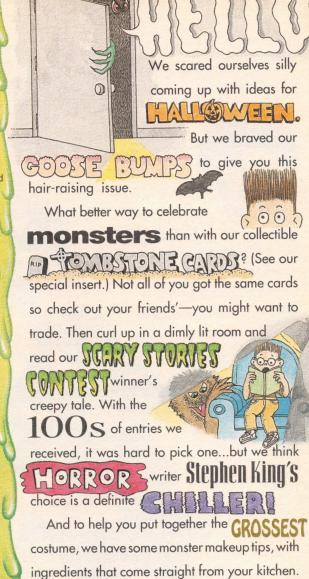
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Remember your story
about Amelia Earhart
(Volume 8)? I just had
a crazy idea about the
disappearance. Her plane
could have malfunctioned
and gone south. Maybe it
crashed in the South Pole!

Jonathan Stout, 7 University Heights, Ohio Q: What would you do if you saw a kidnapping?
A: I'd wake him up!

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Q: What did the carpet say to the floor?

A: Don't move.

I've got you covered.

Joey J. Stevens, 8 Tacoma, Washington

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and read books. My favorites
are books by Laura Ingalls
Wilder, the Baby-Sitters
Club series and the American
Girls Collection.

Jennifer McEvers, 11 Lynnwood, Washington I really love the DuckTales comic. My favorite character is Webby. This picture is of me as a Brownie Girl Scout.

Hillary Baker, 9 Rancho Cucamonga, California

I'm about to go into
the Boy Scouts. I like
pizza, and my favorite
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best. Even my four-year-old
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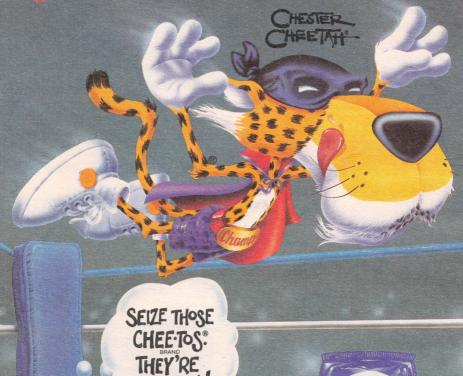
Jimmy Wilson, 10 Los Angeles, California

I love to collect unicorn items.
I love to read. And I collect
stamps from all over the world.

Candice DeGrave, 11 Rockford, Illinois



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other scary stuff. Nice Neil really has a gory side. Read on.... trick is, you show that it can chop up apples and things. Then you stick it



in your arm...

Yikes! Forget we asked!!!

A: ... Then you pull the knife out of your arm...



Hey, kids... don't try this

at home!!

A: ...and you wipe the blood off your arm and your arm's fine. It's a great trick!



Did you tell gross stories

A: We always liked to tell



naturally, she saw his dead body hanging by his feet from a tree—and the noise was his class ring scraping the top of the car. So I would sneak away to make the scraa-aa-ping noise with a rock while my friend told the story.

On television, you seem like such a sweet guy!

A: I'll tell you something even worse! I used to have a friend who lived on a ranch. His dad would tell us there was a bogeyman out in the apple orchard. Well, at first we would laugh it off but every night we'd hear a scream and so we'd run out into the apple orchard and we'd see the bogeyman!

Now wait a minute...!

A: No, listen. It was a man with a deformed face wielding a butcher knife. We'd start calling for my friend's dad. He'd come out and say, "What's the trouble?" It turned out it was the dad who was playing the bogeyman. He'd take off his shirt and put panty hose over his head and hold this big butcher knife.

Nice dad.

A: Anyway, when we would scream and run in the house, the dad would run to the back of the house, take the panty hose off, put his shirt on and come in and say, "What

happened?" But one time we caught him. His shirt was on but it was inside out and backwards with the tag up under his chin.



Let's move on to a calmer subject. You collect animation cels?

[Editor's Note: Cels are the individual drawings on acetate that make up an animated film.1

A: Animation cels are neat because if you took one cel out there would actually be a hole in the movie. And I'm such a Disney fan that's it's really exciting to think that I could have an actual piece of say, Peter Pan or Lady and the Tramp hanging on my wall! I'd also love to get some cels from The Little Mermaid. I fell in love with Ariel. I wanted to marry her.



You're out of luck. She's already got a prince for a husband.

A: No problem. I'd erase him.



Any other dreams?

A: What I would die to do is be the voice of someone on a ride at Disneyland. If they came up with a new ride...to be the voice of the audioanimatronic figures wouldn't that be the best thing in the world?

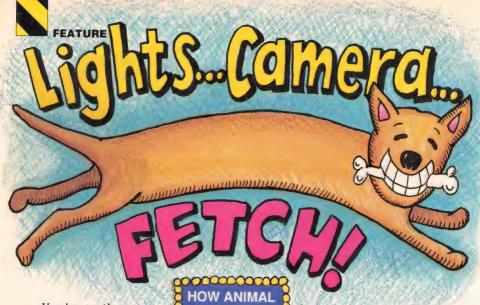


If you were going to design a ride at

Disneyland, complete with a job for you, what would it be?

A. It would be a new Little Mermaid ride. It could replace the submarine ride. It would be about this boy who goes down to find the Little Mermaid. I'd get to narrate the whole thing as the boy who goes "under the sea"—see, there's the song already—and he'd meet Sebastian and Ursula the witch and everyone else. And...at the end I'd get to marry the Little Mermaid.





STARS

ACT UP

war.

You're on the set of a movie being filmed when suddenly the crew gets down on its hands

and knees and begins to...howl!

Weird? Not really. The movie was White Fang (currently available on video), and the crew was trying to get one of the film's stars, a baby wolf, to howl. It worked. (In the movie, it's the scene where the baby wolf's mother dies.)

But it takes a lot more than a few howls to get animals to act up for TV, movies or live audiences. If you've ever wondered, "How did they get that animal to do that?," here are a few tricks some animal trainers told us about:

In White Fang, there's a real tense scene when the bear and White Fang circle each other

before a big fight. What's really going on is the bear and wolf aren't even looking at

each other—they're watching their trainers who are guiding their movements! (By the way, the bear in White Fang is the same bear in the movie The Bear.)

A rat steps up to a microphone and belts out a song for a TV commercial. How? A dab of honey lures the rat to the mike. Then, when it takes a lick, the sticky honey makes it smack its lips. Add the music, and voilà: a sweet-sounding, lip-synching rat.

To get a dog talking, trainers prefer peanut butter. The trainer will smear a globful onto the roof of the dog's mouth. Then they put words in its mouth when it tries to lick the stuff off.

How do you get a tarantula to move for the movies? The trainer *tickles* it by blowing on the creepy critter's back legs through a straw.

To get a cat or dog to lick an actor, the trainer rubs a smelly food—like liver—on the actor's face. Still want to be an actor?

When trainer Bill Casey needs a dog to "attack" an actor, he first teaches it to wrestle with a piece of burlap. Then, during filming, the actor wears the burlap, and the dog attacks it. The dog thinks it's a game.

Then there's Patty the Pig. Trainer Benay Karp needed Patty to open a closet door for a TV commercial. So she smeared the pig's favorite treat—mashed grapes—on the inside of the door. That door got opened real fast.

And finally, back to White Fang: To get the mother wolf to "die," the trainers simply fed her a lot of food, took her for a long, long walk, and then told her to "sleep." She went right to bed without a howl.

-Ruth Stroud



THE DOG'S COMMINICATION OF THE PARTY OF THE

When your dog fetches or rolls over, you give him a Milkbone. But if your clever canine were a TV or movie star, you'd probably be serving him steaks and—well, whatever else he wanted. Here's how some animal handlers make sure their four-legged actors are treated like...top dogs:

Treyfuss (real name Bear)
from "Empty Nest" drinks
bottled water and eats
a special low-fat diet
of chicken and very
lean meat.

show "Married...With Children" feasts on freshly cooked chicken and all-natural "Puppy Pizzas."

Mike the Dog, from the TV series "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," flies only first class. Once, when an airline barked at the idea, Mike's handler bought out every seat in first class.

Lassie, from the series "The New Lassie," also flies first class, but usually pays only half-price—he is under 12, you know.

Arnold (real name Bullet), the dog on "Life Goes On," has his own 20-foot trailer. Inside there's a TV, air conditioning, a desk, a bed and, of course, a microwave.

Channel's "Rin Tin Tin K-9
Cop" (real name Rocky), there's a 20-by-40 foot building complete with heat and air.
Wonder if Rocky knows that Bullet got a microwave?

—Karen Stillman







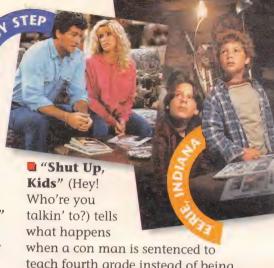
It's not as bad as you think. Yes, the end of summer does mean the start of another school yearbut it also means the start of a new TV season, right?! And we've got the scoop on what you'll find on the tube this fall. First off, there's "Step by Step." a comedy that sounds like an updated version of "The Brady **Bunch.**" (Guess the days of single fathers—as seen in "Who's the Boss?," "Full House" and "Family Man"—are over.) It's

when a single mother of three kids meets and marries a single father with

about what happens

three offspring of his own....

Then there are two new comedies about life in—your favorite place!—school. "Teech" features a music instructor who takes on kids at an exclusive boarding school....



teach fourth grade instead of being sent to jail. (Why is it that TV classrooms always seem like more fun than the real ones?). . . . For those with a strange side, check out "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures." a TV version of the hit movies about the two time-traveling teens from California. And for more spooky stuff (although Bill and Ted are pretty scary sometimes), "Eerie, Indiana" tells the tale of a young teenager who's just moved with his parents to a small town in Indiana-and who can't convince them that there's a reason why the town has the name it has. EEEErrie!... • Finally, look for "The Torkelsons," a comedy about a 14-year-old girl who hopes that she was switched at birth because her family is so weird, . . . Write and let us know which of these new shows are a hit in your book. . . .

Not a new show but new news: On "Doogie Howser, M.D.," Dr. Doogie is moving out on his own this year! And the "cast" of "Dinosaurs" will be getting bigger. A Brontosaurus will move in next door to the Sinclairs. She's so tall (her neck is 12 feet long!) that she can't fit in the Sinclairs' house, so she sticks her head through the skylights to chat with Fran. Other new kids on the dino-block will include Spike, a friend of Robbie's who is always putting his tail in other people's business, and a new friend for

Charlene. MILO AN For fun and funk, check out **Rappin' n' Rhymin'**, a seven-song music video collection.

Costner's Robin Hood, but it's pretty swash-buckling: Pick up the recent TV movie, starring Patrick
Bergin, that is now on video. Some of

the best horsegalloping footage ever filmed can be

seen in **The Man From Snowy River**, set in the rugged
mountains of Australia. . . .

■ Puppet magic comes to the screen in *The Muppets Take Manhattan*, as Kermit, Miss Piggy and company try to put on a Broadway show. . . . ■ Other video possibilities this month include *The Adventures of Milo and Otis*, a tale of life on the road for a cat and his canine companion. Think of it as "Wild Kingdom" meets *Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey*. . . ■ Also available is *The Bear*, 1989's huge theatrical hit about, well, a bear in the wilderness. . . .

And finally, the **Ghostbusters Gift Pack** has both **Ghostbusters**movies—the perfect Halloween
night post-candy treat.



"All
About
You."...
Do you
remember
Tommy
Page,
the singer
who hit
Number One
last year

with his single "I'll Be Your Everything"? Well, he's back with a follow-up album called From the Heart. "I didn't want

to be an old-fashioned crooner," says the 20-year-old Page. "But I did want to put that style into a modern context, as well as deliver some up-

tempo dance material. I realized that what people remember most about any song is the feeling behind it."

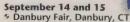


The 1991 Disney

Afternoon Video Game PlayTour may be coming to a mall near you. This nationwide extravaganza features the best of Disney Afternoon's cartoons and characters—not to mention a Nintendo championship. All regional winners will travel to Disneyland for the Disney Afternoon Championship Playoffs! DISNEY ADVENTURES Junior Editor, R.J. Williams, attended the Seattle/Tacoma PlayTour and played against the top winners on every game. "It was fun-but I had never played any of the games before, so it was also tough,"

R.J. said. "The guy I played against on the Tale Spin game only won by 100 points. It was neck and neck all the way. It was really amazing."

was really amazing. Here's where you can catch the tour:



Castleton Square, Indianapolis, IN

September 21 and 22

- Pavilion at Buckland, Hartford, CT
- Cumberland Mall, Atlanta, GA

September 28 and 29

- Brookdale Shopping Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Fort Worth Town Center, Fort Worth, TX

October 5 and 6

- Serramonte, San Francisco, CA
- Prestonwood Town Center, Dallas, TX

October 12 and 13

- Southwest Plaza, Denver, CO
- Greenspoint Mall, Houston, TX





Whits and pieces

Halloween may be a time of witches and ghosts, but everyone knows the best part of the holiday is munching on mounds of candy! Well, before you sink your teeth into that creamy caramel or chunk of chocolate, here are a few morsels about candy we thought you might like to know:



- About one-third of all the candy Americans eat is made in Chicago. We know where we're moving. . . .
- The Oh Henry!® candy bar was so called because an assistant named Henry worked in the factory where it was made. Other people in the factory were always asking, "Oh, Henry, will you..."
- If you work for the Hershey company, you can eat all the chocolate you want on the job.
- The Planters Life
 Savers Company has
 made more than 30
 billion rolls of Life
 Savers® candies. If
 stacked end to end,
 they would create a
 candy tunnel stretching
 to the moon and back
 more than three times.
 And by the way, the
 order of the Life
 Savers® candies is
 always the same.
- Good & Plenty[®] is the oldest candy that is still around today. The first box of G & Ps[®] came out in 1893.
- The largest candy bar in the world was a giant Clark® candy bar. Made in 1981, it weighed 3,100 pounds, was 15 feet long and 20 inches thick. It was equal to 19,000 regular-sized Clark® bars, and when local residents finally ate it, they had to cut it with a saw.
- The Baby Ruth® candy bar was named after the daughter of President Grover Cleveland, not Babe Ruth the baseball player.





Mouse around the house.



In the woods, the flying squirrels are on Mickey's tail.

Get ready for Mickey Mouse and Roger Rabbit's premiere appearance on the Game Boy. First, all seems fine when Mickey shops for gifts for Minnie. That is until Big Bad Pete and his henchmen try to stop him.



Beware! Henchweasels pop up out of manholes when you least expect it.

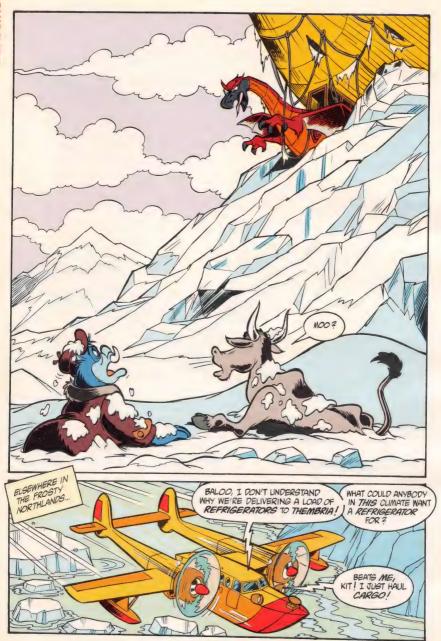
Now Roger's got problems too. Jessica, his toonstar wife, has been kidnapped. To save her and all of Toontown, he must defeat Judge Doom and his five henchweasels.

Or, hop

So save the cheese for later. Make like a rabbit. And get both games now.

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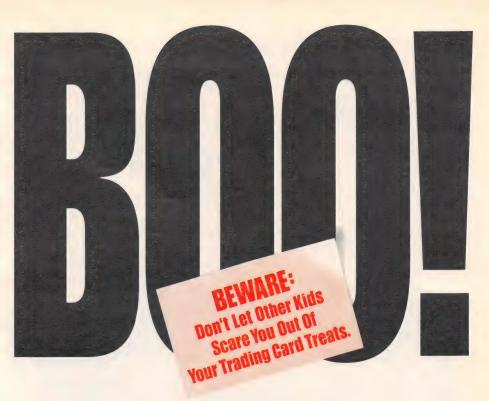














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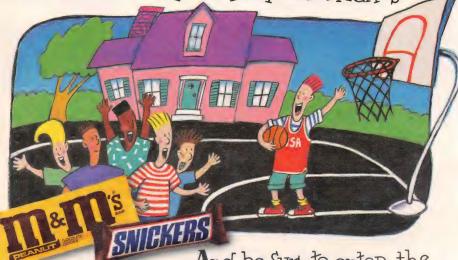
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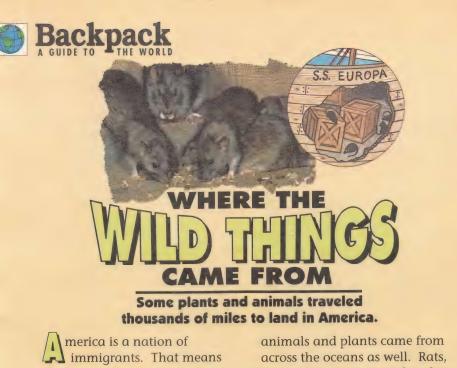
Natching the Olympics is totally great. But watching the games with these snacks is



Like never having to mow the Lawn again because you've turned it into A Huge Basket-ball Court for you And your friends.



And be Sure to enter, the "I Like USA" Game wherever you see M&M's and SNICKERS -- because they're the official Snack food Sponsors of the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team. (Plus it's US! Way Cooler than Mowing the Iawn.)

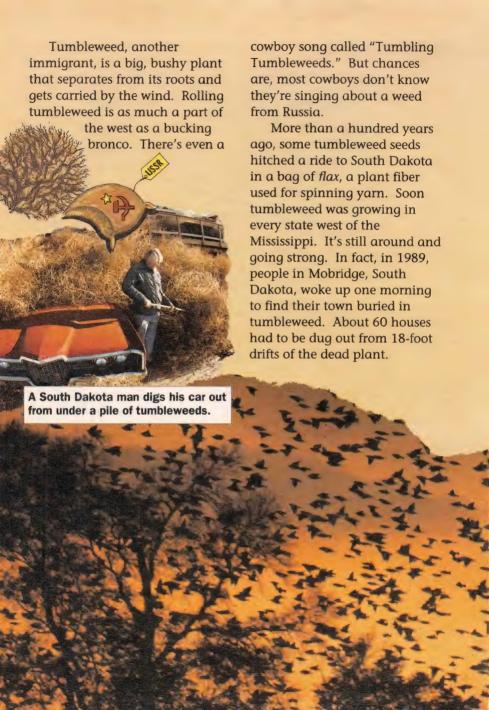


that most of us are descended from people who came from other countries.

But people aren't the only immigrants. Some of our

for instance, first arrived in this country as stowaways on ships from Europe. And wild mustangs came from the stallions that Spanish conquistadors brought to the New World on their quest for gold.

Above: Rats stowed away on ships from Europe. Below: Wild mustangs originally came from Spain.



One of our weirdest immigrant species is the walking catfish, a fish from Southeast Asia that can do some very

unfishlike things. It can breathe on land through its special gills. It can also walk on its unusually strong fins. In 1967, Florida's walking

escaped from a fish farm in south Florida. Ever since, walking catfish have been seen strolling from pond to pond, looking for food and new swimming holes. Now they live all over south and central Florida.

a few of them

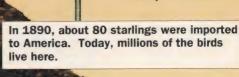
Not every immigrant animal got here by accident, though. Starlings—noisy blackbirds with long, sharp beaks—first arrived in America in 1890, when a man named Eugene Scheifflin imported about 80 starlings from England and let them go in New York's Central Park. Today there are millions of starlings in North America.

Flocks of starlings are so huge that they remind people of swarming insects. They steal grain from farmers, and they're bullies. A starling will wait patiently for another bird to finish building its nest. Then it will tell the bird to scram, and move in!

So why did Eugene Scheifflin want a lot of pesky starlings around? He had a hobby: He wanted to bring to America

> every bird ever named by the English playwright and poet, William Shakespeare. If ever there was a case of one person's hobby getting out of hand, this must be it.

> > —Danny Nussbaum



catfish.



BAT



BOY

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BERT GRANTGES ADOPTS AND STUDIES BATS

When we tried calling 16year-old Bert Grantges of Arlington, Texas, he was out buying dinner—for his bats. Bert had just adopted a mother and four baby red bats, and they were hungry for mealworms.

"Most red bats only have one or two babies," Bert told us later. "Having four babies isn't very common."

Bert should know. He's been a bat fanatic since he was four and saw pictures of bats in a book. "I thought they were the neatest things on the planet!" he says. Bert started studying the curious creatures, and in sixth grade, he adopted his first pair.

Since then Bert's kept as many as 27 bats at one time. He

adopts all his bats through an organization called Bat Conservation International. "Usually the bats I get have been orphaned or they've been raised in captivity and couldn't survive in the wild," Bert explains.

These days Bert's bat count is down to nine: "Romeo and Satin are Egyptian flying foxes. Fred is a Jamaican fruit bat, and Droopy is a twilight bat. I haven't named the new ones yet."

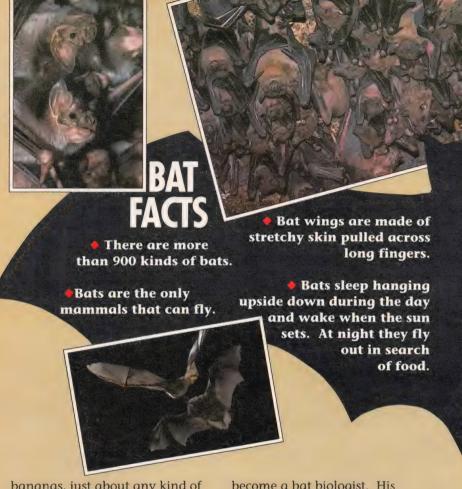
The fruit bats fly around a huge cage in his garage. Bert has cages in his bedroom for the insect-eating bats (Droopy and the new red bats). They hang out there when they aren't flying around his room. Bert doesn't take the bats outside because they might fly away.

Every week Bert buys about 200 mealworms for his insecteating bats and about four pounds of fruit for his fruit bats to munch. "They eat mangoes,

OPPOSITE PAGE:
An early picture of
Bert Grantges and a
few of his bats.
ABOVE: Jamaican
fruit-eating bat.
LEFT: A female red
bat nurses its young.
The babies will
begin flying at three
to four weeks.



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bananas, just about any kind of fruit," he says. And Bert feeds all the bats baby vitamins.

Do bats really suck blood? "Vampire bats do," Bert says. "They feed off cows, chickens, horses and other mammals, but bats don't attack people—unless they're provoked." Vampire bats are his favorites, he adds. "They're really intelligent."

Someday Bert plans to

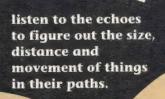
become a bat biologist. His hobby has taken him to Mexico, Australia and Costa Rica, where he helped film a documentary about bats around the world.

Bert's family thinks his hobby is great—especially during the summer. "Bats can eat 500 to 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour," Bert says. "They're better than any bug zapper."

-Karen Stillman

Blood-sucking vampire bats (far left), some Indonesian dawn bats (near left). Gothic bat from Costa Rica rain forest (right), the endangered gray myotis (below left), and Australian flying foxes (below).

How do bats see in the dark? Some bats have really huge eyes that help them see when there is only dim light. Others make high-pitched noises that humans can't hear. These sounds bounce off objects, and bats





MORE ABOUT BATS

Bats are very difficult to keep. They need special food, habitats and care. Bat Conservation International does not recommend keeping bats as pets. (Bert was allowed to adopt bats from them only after he had become an expert on bats' habits.) If you see a bat on the ground or low in a tree, don't go too close to it-it's probably sick. For more information, write to:

Bat Conservation International P.O. Box 162603 Austin, Texas 78716.

ne day I was real sad and my dad said, "Hey,

hereis

\$17 bucks. Spend it all in one place."

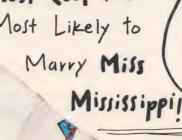
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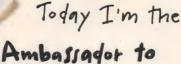
and a poster of Bo to go on my mirror!

After I joined (Inb Bo things were

completely different! At school they voted me Most (ool and

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Hawaii! I fly my own heliopter!! Yesterday I bought Italy!! And a football team! Thank you Bo!

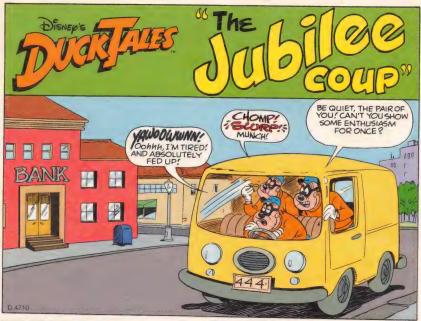


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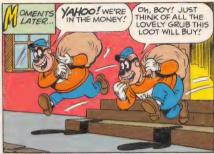
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You're not the first person to ever have monster nightmares. For as long as people have been on earth, they've imagined awful creatures lurking in the shadows But were those legendary monsters dreamed up thousands of years ago really as scary as Frankenstein or Dracula?

You decide....

■ If you were a hairdresser, you wouldn't want a visit from Medusa. According to ancient Greek myths, Medusa had been gorgeous—and bragged about it.

That made the goddess Athena jealous. so she turned Medusa and her sisters into Gorgons creatures with big fangs, mean eves and real. squirming snakes for hair. They were so nasty looking that anyone who

stared at them turned to stone. A man named Perseus killed Medusa by first looking at her in the reflection of his shield (so he wouldn't turn to stone)—and then cutting off her head.

Godzilla would have looked like a dragonfly next to the **Nzangamuyo** (ehn ZAN gam MY yoh)

NZANGAMUYO

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of Kenya, Africa.
This guy was
miles long. If you
stood in one place,
it would take the
creature eight days to
pass by you. Its neck
hairs wiped out tall trees,
and its feet crunched the
biggest boulders into dust.

Four horns sprouted out of its big flat head. (It was as wide as 10 men in a row with their arms outstretched and fingertips touching.) Its eyes and mouth were on top of its head. To quench its thirst, the monster just opened its lake-sized mouth during a rainstorm.

■ The huge Australian **Whowie** had six legs, the body of a lizard, and the head of a frog. He lived in a large underground cavern with tunnels leading up to a riverbank. He devoured kangaroos, wallabies, and wombats (little bear-like animals) —but he liked humans best. When the Whowie happened

upon a group of sleeping people, he'd swallow them whole.

WHOWI

One day, all the tribes in the area plugged up every tunnel except one. There they built a huge fire. When the Whowie came out, coughing and burned, the people attacked him with clubs and spears. At last, the beast was dead.

Now it is said that the Whowie's ghost still haunts the cavern. When the wind blows through the tunnels, you can still

hear the Whowie's roar.

USTRATION: JUANITA KUAN

UNLOCH-ING SECRETS

Scotland's mysterious monster has been dodging scientists for centuries—but that may change....

How hard could it be to tell the difference between a 20-foot. 1½-ton monster, and a floating log, duck or fish? Not too hard unless the lake is more than 800 feet deep, 24 miles long, and very, very dark.

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Welcome to Loch Ness, a lake

in Scotland, and the mystery of "Nessie." the Loch Ness Monster. Stories about Nessie, a large, longnecked creature with flippers and a hump or two, go back more

than 1,400 years. Thousands of people claim to have spotted the creature, and some have even photographed it.

But no one has ever caught Nessie, and few of the photos

have shown the creature very clearly. Many of the "monsters" have turned out to be animals or objects floating in the water.

But in 1934, a vacationing doctor snapped a photo of what does look like a strange animal's

head jutting out of the water. Then, in 1960. Nessie hunter Tim Dinsdale filmed another weird creature 6 feet wide and 5 feet high swimming



Ness—and it matched earlier Nessie descriptions. Robert Rines added to the Nessie files in the 1970s with underwater photos of what looks like the flipper, head and body of a very large creature.



Just what kind of creature might Nessie be? Nessie expert Dr. Roy Mackal believes she is the cousin of a zeuglodon, a primitive whale. Others say she's the long-lost relative of an ancient reptile named plesiosaur. If either quess is true,

Nessie would be about 20 to 65 million years behind her times—or way ahead of them: That's how long ago her ancient relatives died out completely.

Whatever Nessie is-if she is-she now has her own scientific

Nessie's flipper. name: Nessitaras rhombopteryx. And she has a law to protect her from being hurt or killed by people who just want to prove she exists.

Robert Rines got

this underwater shot. He says it's

Meanwhile, Robert Rines still hopes to find Nessie to learn

more about her. And he's getting some big help. The U.S. Navy is shipping a super-powerful sonar device (that used to be top secret) to aid in pinpointing Nessie's whereabouts.

> Will he find Nessie? Rines is confident. And Dr. Mackal believes that a clan of Nessies lives in the loch. With super sonar on its way, there soon may be a Nessie family portrait to prove it.



A long-necked Nessie? Not all experts agree on what the photo shows.

WIERE 5

He's taller than the tallest pro basketball player. He weighs more than Andre the Giant. His haircut is a barber's nightmare. And one of his feet is as big as three of yours. He's Bigfoot, America's most famous monster.

People in almost every state say they've seen Bigfoot—though he's been spied the most in Washington, Oregon and northern California. He's said to be taller than 8 feet and to weigh more than 500 pounds. He's covered in long brown hair, except for his face. And, according to one Bigfoot expert, "He smells like a rotten fish."

The problem is, no one has proven that there is a Bigfoot—though evidence points to something big and hairy tramping around the woods. Native Americans carved Bigfoot's image on totem poles and named him "Sasquatch" ("wild man"). In the 1800s, European explorers spotted him. And later, when some Washington miners

Is it or isn't it? Roger Patterson filmed this "Bigfoot" in 1967. Do you think it's the real thing? Experts can't agree.

SIGFOUT?

found human-like footprints that were 18 inches long, they called the creature "Bigfoot."

Bigfoot has been making big tracks—and brief appearances—ever since. Just ask Cliff Crook, chief investigator for Bigfoot Central, a Sasquatch information center in Washington state. Crook himself says that when he was 16—in 1956—he saw Bigfoot while camping with friends. "It picked up our dog and threw it right next to our campfire," he

says.



Crook collects
Bigfoot hair
samples and
droppings, and makes plaster
casts of huge tracks found as
recently as September 1990.
He and his partner, Rene
Dahinden, a Canadian Bigfoot
expert, have talked with hundreds
of Bigfoot sighters.

One of Dahinden's stories is about Albert Ostman, a logger who claims he was captured by a Bigfoot family in 1924. The Bigfoots (or Bigfeet)—a mom, dad and two kids—kept him for a week before he escaped.

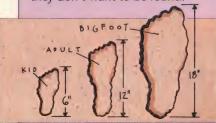
Are such stories true? No one knows for sure. The closest thing to proving Bigfoot's existence came in 1967. A man named Roger Patterson filmed a huge, brown, hairy thing in the woods near Bluff Creek, California. But even experts can't agree whether the film shows Bigfoot or a man in an ape suit.

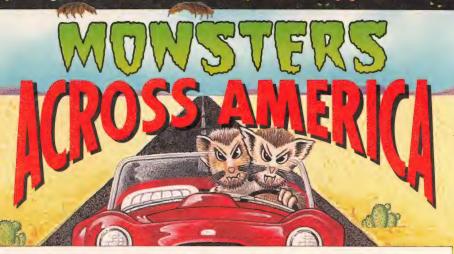
Meanwhile, Cliff Crook and other Bigfoot fans fear that someone might hurt or kill a Bigfoot to prove it exists. They're working for stronger Bigfoot protection laws. After all, they say, the big, shy creature hasn't hurt a human yet.

And that's a good thing to remember the next time you're in the woods and you see giant footprints....

BIG FOOTPRINTS AROUND THE WORLD

If Bigfoot is for real, he's not alone. Other giant, hairy, man-like creatures have been seen around the world. "All seven continents have Bigfoots," says Cliff Crook. The Yeti, or Abominable Snowman, lives in the Himalaya Mountains of Tibet and China. His footprints have been seen 18,000 feet up. In the Soviet Union, creatures called Almas have been seen in the Caucasus Mountains. And in 1977, an expedition of 100 explorers and scientists searched for the "wild men" of central China. They found 18-inch-long footprints, but no wild men. If there's one thing Bigfoot and his cousins have in common, it's that they don't want to be found.





"Local Citizen Attacked By Giant Two-Headed Hamster!"

You can find people in every state in the United States who'll claim they've seen an honest-to-gosh monster. So we decided to dig up some of those sightings.

Have they really found something stranger than fiction?
Or are these guys tuned into a jambox from Mars?
You figure it out.



Point Pleasant, West

Mothman has the body of a human, except for its huge wings. It has red eyes

Virginia-

set into a hideous face. and can fly 100 miles per hour. People who've seen it say their own eves burned afterward

Dover, Massachusetts-

The Dover Demon

looks like some kid's Play Doh project. Its head is shaped like a watermelon and sits on a skinny neck. Its little pink body is shaped like a baby, but it has long, twig-like arms and leas. It has alowing eyes, but no ears, nose or mouth. Four different people saw the thing in one 25-hour period in 1977, but nobody's seen him since.

Lake Champlain, New York—This 20-foot water creature comes complete with humps, horns, hair and fish scales. "Champ" has a head like a horse, and lives in Lake Champlain. There's no

use going in after it, though—the lake is 100 miles long and up to 400 feet deep.

> **Prince Georges** County, Maryland-

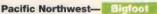
Goatman

looks like a normal person from the waist up, but he's got a goat's legs and hooves. He rushes out of the woods and attacks passing cars. One story says Goatman is a

science experiment-gone-bad. It must have gotten his goat.

Trenton, New Jersey—The Jersey Devil has a head like a ram, with curved horns. It has short legs with hooves, and long wings—and it glows in the dark. The thing likes to land on people's rooftops and stomp around, screeching like a factory whistle. Plenty of people have heard it, but only a few have been brave enough to go

outside to take a look.



and friends have been sighted all over North America. But the most sightings of the "Sasquatch" have been in the

northwestern United States, (See article on page 60.)

Brooksville, Florida-

Skunk Ape is a 7-foot-tall, hairy, Biafoot-like creature with a giant need for Odor-Eaters. Even before they saw him, people said they smelled him.

Louisiana, Missouri-The usual Bigfoot suspect; this one's called Mo-Mo short for the Missouri Monster.

Churubusco, Indiana—

ate a school of fish, a flock of ducks, even a cow. Oscar, they say, was a snapping turtle as big around as a dining room table. He supposedly lived in a farmer's pond near the town of Churubusco. The man drained the pond to find him; he found neither hide nor shell. Oscar's still the biggest turtle at large.





ON THE BIG SCREAM: MONSTER MOVIES

Godzilla, King of the Monsters—Godzilla's idea of a good day was to destroy a city or two. This movie is worthwhile, not only to see Godzilla gleefully wreaking havoc on the city of Tokyo, but also to watch people mouth Japanese and have the words come out in English. Don't bother with

the cheesy sequels.

Frankenstein—"This isn't science,"

says Dr. Frankenstein. "It's more like black magic."
Science or magic, it's one of the best monster-amok movies ever made. Watch Dr. Frankenstein stitch together a "man" from spare parts—then see everything come

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apart at the seams. Rent Bride of Frankenstein, too, and have

a Franky-fest.

WHAT SCARED THEM

Joe Dante, who directed the movie *Gremlins*

"I was afraid of the giant ants (from the movie *Them*). The scariest thing was that these giant ants sounded just like the crickets outside my bedroom window. I was sure these monsters were under my bed and outside the door."

TIDBITS OF TERROR

wanted to make himself grotesque for his role in *The Phantom of the Opera*. So he

attached special hooks to the inside of his nose and wired them to his wig. When he pulled the wires tight, his nostrils stuck out like a pig's. (We don't suggest

The Phantom of the Opera

that you try this.)



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FRANKENSTEIN



THE TOWNS



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FRANKENSTEIN

Birthplace: Germany, near the Swiss border

Height/Weight: 8 ft., 250 lbs. **Favorite Foods:** Soup, nuts, berries and an occasional squirrel

Favorite Look: Tattered—maybe someone should tell him that "high water" pants are out.

Caution: Short-tempered—strangles his victims

What Keeps Him Away: Fire What Kills Him: Fire

Starring Roles: Frankenstein, The Bride of Frankenstein, Son of Frankenstein, The Bride, Young Frankenstein and Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man.

A Friend Says: "Frankie gets mad when people run away from him just because he looks 'different.' You'd look 'different,' too, if you were pieced together from a bunch of used body parts!"



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Birthplace: Paris, France
Height/Weight: 6 ft., 150 lbs.
Favorite Foods: Fine French food—
usually orders out.

Favorite Look: Masked—never leaves home without it.

Caution: Avoid sitting under chandeliers when visiting the opera. And don't badmouth this guy—he has very good ears.

What Keeps Him Away: Daylight What Kills Him: Drowning

Starring Roles: The Phantom of the Opera (1925); Phantom of the Opera (1943); The Phantom of the Opera (1962)...You get the idea.

A Friend Says: "A very talented musician, but that all-night organ playing can be a bit much. Cool mask. Should make a video for MTV. I heard he did a musical, but his agent won't comment."

WEREWOLF

Birthplace: Wales, Great Britain **Height/Weight:** 6 ft., 160 lbs., if you don't count the hair

Food Faves: Live animals (including people)

Favorite Look: Shaggy—hates going to the groomer's.

Caution: Goes for the jugular; victims join the pack.

What Keeps Him Away: Sprigs of wolfsbane (a plant)

What Kills Him: A silver bullet Starring Roles: The Wolf Man, I Was a Teenage Werewolf and Teen Wolf.

A Friend Says: "Not a bad guy, but a flea bath wouldn't hurt. He can be a real howl at parties, especially when the moon is full. Just don't tell him that he can't sing, or you might be his party snack."



THE ZOMBIE

Birthplace: St. Sebastian,

the West Indies

Height/Weight: 6 ft., 180 lbs.
Favorite Foods: Human parts (arms, legs, etc.)—either from living people or other zombies.

Favorite Look: Graveyard—dirt and worms optional.

Caution: Simply touching him can turn you into a zombie.

What Keeps Him Away: Not much.
What Kills Him: A direct blow to
the head.

Starring Roles: I Walked With a Zombie, Night of the Living Dead, White Zombie and War of the Zombies.

A Friend Says: "Nothing stands in his way when he's hungry—once I saw him eat his little sister, and she hadn't even made him mad!"





Imagine trying
to walk with two
bowling balls tied
to your feet. Boris
Karloff, who played one
of the first movie
Frankensteins, wore boots
that weighed 13 pounds
each to make him walk stiffly
—like a monster.

ON THE BIG SCREAM: MORE MONSTER MOVIES

King Kong—The original something-the-wrong-size movie. Poor Kong looks so lost and goofy up there on the Empire State Building, you can't help but root for him.

Harry and the Hendersons-

A family goes camping and finds that Bigfoot has a big heart. It's the ultimate "Can we keep him, Dad?" story. Check for the TV series, too.

The Monster Squad—Dracula, the Frankenstein monster, the Wolf Man, the Gill Man and the Mummy get together in a small town.



WHAT SCARED THEM

Steven
Spielberg,
who directed and produced
many movies, including
Poltergeist, Jaws, E.T. and
Arachnaphobia.

"My biggest fear was the tree outside the bedroom window. This tree made faces in the moonlight, and grew wild arms, hair, fingers and claws. There was a crack in the bedroom wall, and I thought that ghosts came from it."



The Vampire Moves In, by Angela Sommer-Bodenburg—A vampire kid gets thrown out of the family cemetery. And the only person who'll take him in is, egad, human! Talk about night and day. The Monster's Ring, by Bruce Coville—When Russell Crannaker slips on his new ring, he starts to feel a little strange. But not half as strange as he starts to look. This book gives new meaning to the term "little monster."

SOMETHING REALLY SCARY: READING FOR FUN

Lights! Camera! Scream! How to Make Your Own Monster Movies, by Stephen Mooser—You can make *Ghoulies 3, 4* or 15. The book tells how the experts create special effects, then suggests ways that you can make monsters and movie sets out of clay, toys and other household items. And best of all, you get to charge admission.





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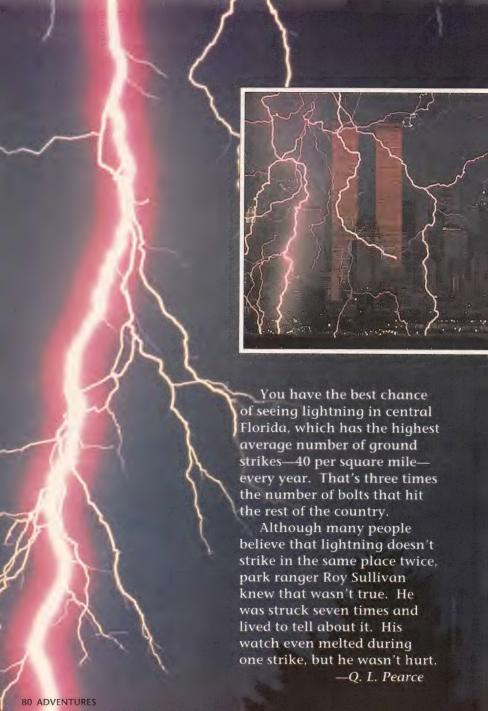


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this happens.)



HOW LIGHTNING HAPPENS

From the ground it's hard to tell what's going on inside a thundercloud, but it's a pretty busy place. Here's how lightning is created:



1. Strong winds inside the cloud swirl tiny pieces of ice and water up and down. Then they separate into particles with positive and negative electrical charges. The positive charges go to the top of the cloud, while the

negative charges settle at the bottom.

2. When the negative charges from the

cloud's base move downward, they meet rising positive charges from the earth.

3. When these opposite charges

connect, a huge electrical current begins to flow,

and lightning travels at a speed of more than 50,000 miles per second.

The lightning heats the air around it to temperatures several times that of the sun's surface, creating a light as bright as a million 100-watt bulbs turned on at once. This super-heated air expands

and creates a



shock wave that we hear as thunder.

4. This process repeats several times, but so quickly -in less than

half a second—that you see only one brilliant, flickering flash of lightning.

-Q. P.



HOW CLOSE IS IT?

Here's how vou can figure out how close lightning is ...2...3 to you. Count the number of seconds between when vou see the lightning and when you hear the thunder. Divide that number by five. That's how many miles

away the lightning is.

MASTER SCIENCE

Mr. Wizard Experiments With...Everything!

"Want to see my rattlesnake eggs?" Mr. Wizard asks, handing over an envelope

marked "rattlesnake eggs." You open the envelope, and something starts spinning and clacking like a rattler's tail. You drop the envelope but once it's still, you look inside and find nothing but a rubberband twisted around a paper clip, spinning a toothpick as it

unwinds. These are the "rattlesnake eggs" you dropped in fright.

Welcome to "Mr. Wizard's World."

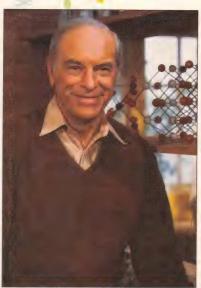
Mr. Wizard (his real name is

Don Herbert) is the king of kid science. If you hung out with Mr.

Wizard for a day, you'd find out he can make spaghetti dance. And he can fire cork rockets out of soda bottles, turn a straw into a musical instrument. or grow a garden from a sponge. Mr. Wizard has been on TV about as long as rock has been on radio. (That's about 40 years for those of you not sure.)

Years ago, Mr. Wizard started as a reporter on a show

called the "General Electric Theater" hosted by Ronald Reagan. (That name sound familiar?) These days you can catch "Mr. Wizard's



World" on Nickelodeon. Or vou can read some of the fun books he's written, such as Mr. Wizard's Supermarket Science.

Growing up in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Don Herbert was always fascinated by magic and science and had a curiosity that wouldn't quit. In fact, he advises kids today to "ask questions constantly. Don't let your curiosity get sidetracked by parents or teachers who say, 'Ask me later.' Keep after them."

Though he's a wiz at figuring out neat stunts, sometimes things don't work as planned. On one show, he and his kid assistant for the day set up a rocket that was supposed to shoot all the way across the set for the grand finale. But it fell flat. The rocket didn't go anywhere. "Oh, well," Mr. Wizard said. "We'll go back to the drawing board on that one."

- Dava Sobel

WIZARD'S

Want to look like a big shot to your friends? All you need is an empty glass soda bottle and a plastic straw. Challenge your friends to pick up the empty soda bottle, using the straw, without touching the outside of the bottle. Do they give up? OK, now show

Bend the end of the them how. straw (as shown) forming a section wider than the mouth of the bottle. Now slip the bent end into the bottle and place it so the end is wedged against the inside of the bottle. If you pull on the longer section you're holding, you can lift the bottle by the straw. WHAT'S THE SECRET? You're picking up the bottle by using the straw's hidden strength. If you plunged a straw through a raw potato, you'll find that the straw is surprisingly strong when a push or pull is applied along its length. In the bottle, you're using a push (on the shorter section inside the bottle) and a pull on the longer section, giving the straw the hidden strength it needs to pick up the glass bottle.

CYBERGAMES

Have you discovered any secret tips for beating your favorite video games? Send them to: DISNEY ADVENTURES, CyberGames **Disney Publications** 500 South Buena Vista Street Burbank, CA 91521.



FACEBALL 2000



FORMAT: Nintendo Game Boy System. One to four players.

Faceball 2000 is the first game where you are really part of the action—and it's one of the first 3-D games ever. Each player controls a smiley face that scoots through mazes tagging other players. Turn your smiley face and the scene swings around; go forward and everything comes toward you. You can play

against your friends or you can challenge the computer.

Tips: At the beginning of each stage, be sure to study the maze's map so you can find your way around easier and find good hiding places. Tag an opponent the same way you would in real life—sneak up from behind.

Ratings: Graphics: 5; Sound: 4; Control: 5; Challenge: 5

OVERALL RATING: 4.75

TOE JAM & EARL

FORMAT: Sega Genesis. One or two players.

This is one of the funniest action/adventure games on any system. Toe Jam and Earl are goofy yet hip aliens who crash-land on Earth. Their goal is to find the pieces of their Righteous Rapmaster Rocket Ship. The player(s) must help them rebuild their ship and explore Earth.

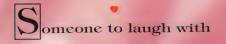


Tips: Help the duo find special items, which often look like gifts. Some items, like wings, spring shoes, rocket shoes and a rubber float help the guys move faster. Press the "A" button to allow the aliens to tiptoe safely past sleeping Nerd Herds. When the phone rings, be sure to answer it for useful game-playing information.

Ratings: Graphics: 5; Sound: 4; Control: 5; Challenge: 5

OVERALL RATING: 4.75

-Iason Rich



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Someone who's fun

Someone who's kind

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BASEBALL GARDS:

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off buying a real piece of bubble gum—with a few new baseball cards. Someday, your baseball cards may be worth a *lot* more than a piece of cake.

Mine sure were.
Unfortunately, my
mother got mad at me
for not cleaning mine
up one day and tossed
my complete set of
1957 Topps cards.
According to baseball
card dealers, that set is
now worth \$7,000.

Collecting baseball cards has become big business. Card prices shot up about 10 years ago when baseball-crazy grownups started buying as many cards as their kids. Last year, collectors spent more than \$170 million on baseball cards. That's a lot of money.

considering that the first baseball

cards.

issued around 1910, were giveaways— freebies offered by tobacco companies to help sell cigarettes. Card companies later sold cards by themselves, or included bubble gum in the pack.

Those first cards are like gold now. Here's a look at six of the most valuable ones. (The number in front of the name is the card's ID.)



1. T206 Honus Wagner.

This is the most famous baseball card—for perhaps the finest shortstop ever. Only about 40 exist. It was issued by a tobacco company in 1910. According to legend, Wagner, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was very opposed to cigarettes and demanded that the card be withdrawn from the market. This card was sold at auction for \$451,000!

2. T206 Larry
Doyle. "Laughing
Larry" Doyle was a

good—but not great—New York Giants second baseman in 1910.

A tobacco company issued several Doyle cards. The rarest was a picture with

Doyle's hands raised over his head.

The bottom of the card identifies

him as a member of the "New York Nat'l," instead of just "New York." Only a few hundred of these cards were issued. Each is

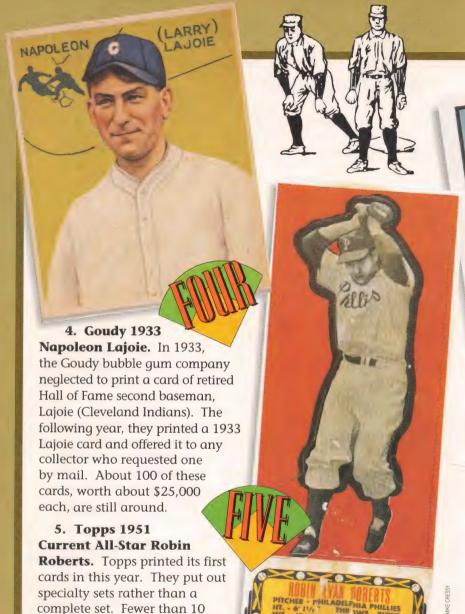
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worth about \$25,000.

3. **T206** Eddie

Plank. This is another 1910 tobacco company card. Plank, a Philadelphia A's Hall of Fame pitcher, won 327 ballgames. About 100 of these cards survive, each worth about \$25,000.





cards of this Philadelphia Philly exist. Each is worth \$12,500.



6. Topps 1952 Mickey Mantle. Topps issued its first complete set in 1952, and Mantle, a New York Yankee, was the most talked about young star in the game. A perfect edition of this card sold for \$49,500—but most are worth \$12,000.

ALL CARDS SHOWN ARE ACTUAL SIZE.

CARD COLLECTING

- First, remember that a player's rookie card is often his most valuable.
- Second, don't bend the corners! Bent cards lose half their value. (Keep cards in plastic holders, but don't laminate them.)
- Third, look out for cards with printing errors—they're often valuable.
- Fourth, don't have cards autographed because that decreases their value.
- Finally, collect complete sets if you can—you never know which cards might become valuable.

---Ron Berler

RACING PIT CREW'S

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Screeech!!!!!

The stock car squeals into the pits. In two seconds it's jacked up in the air, and the automatic wrenches, sounding like dentists' drills, are whisking the lug nuts off the wheels. The driver slurps water from a Dixie cup while his car slurps high-octane fuel. Screeech!!!! He's back in the race—in only 23 seconds.

Last November, Dale
Earnhardt won his fourth stock
car championship. But he
couldn't have done it without
his championship team of
mechanics. At every race, the
12-man pit crew, headed by Kirk
Shelmerdine, works together at
breakneck speed to service
Earnhardt's race car.

Shelmerdine describes his team as a ballet company with grimy fingernails. "A successful pit stop is a well-choreographed dance," he says. If it takes more

than 25 seconds to fuel a car and change the tires, Shelmerdine is one unhappy crew chief.

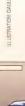
Only six members of the team are allowed "over the wall," or on the track with the car, and they're each assigned a specific chore. The Number 2 man rolls out the new wheels, the



A driver is signaled either by radio or a sign held up to come in for a pit stop. There are typically five to 10 stops in a 500-mile race.

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The trickiest part of the pit stop is for the driver to decelerate and stop at precisely the right time in the pit crew area. A mistake on the driver's part could add precious seconds' delay to the pit stop.





Number 4 man jacks up the car, the Number 1 man changes the front tires, and the Number 3 man puts on fresh rear wheels. That leaves crew members 5 and 6. Those guys each pour an 11-gallon can of gas into the car.

What are the other crewmen doing? Well, from "behind the wall," one holds out a brightly colored STOP sign, which signals the driver where to stop. Another holds out a long stick with a cup of water, and another wipes the windscreen with a long squeegee.

The 20 or so top pit crews compete every fall in the official pit crew championship at North Carolina's Rockingham racetrack. The Earnhardt crew won the title each season

between 1985 and 1988. It still holds the record for the fastest pit stop ever—23.8 seconds.

Shelmerdine is proud of his team. "We make it look easy almost every time," he says. "And we have to do it five or 10 times in a 500-mile race. But we haven't done it perfectly yet."

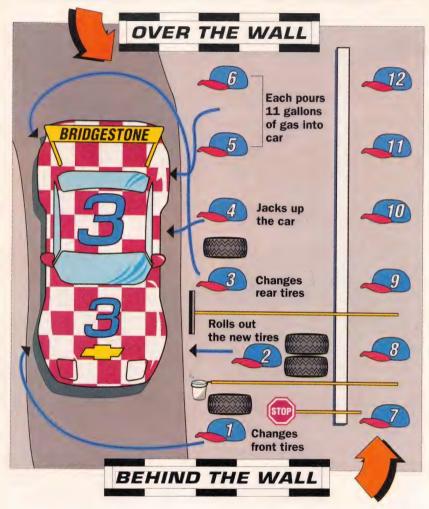
—Doug Garr

Changing two tires can be done in as little as 12 seconds!





There are six men "over the wall" and six men behind.



Normally the pit crew members aren't "numbered," but they do have specific jobs that have to be done FAST. For instance, Number 7 would hold up a STOP sign for the driver. Number 8 holds a long stick with water for the driver to drink.

Number 9 washes the windscreen with a long squeegee. Number 10, 11 and 12 get tires and equipment ready, repair anything that can be fixed during the race, and make sure there's always a fresh supply of towels, fuel and water.



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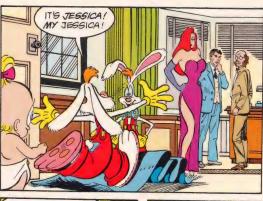






























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There are always a few grumpy grown-ups out there who like to go around moaning that kids are too busy watching TV and playing Nintendo to read anymore, let alone write stories. It's pretty clear to me that the current crop of grumps missed the Scary Stories Contest in Disney Adventures magazine, because if they had seen the six Dear Scary Story Fans, final entries that I saw, they would have changed their minds in a hurry. the editor in charge of taking care of the contest entries, told me there were over seven tne editor in charge of taking care of the contest entries, told me there were over seven hundred stories in all, and if the ones I saw were any indication of how much good writing

I liked Kyle Christenson's "One Night in the Museum," a story that explains just how dead things sometimes get in the Egyptian Wing, and Keegan Buckingham's "Attack of the Willer Hose," where a vampire garden-hose wakes up and goes looking for its ghoul-friend

Or was that its girl-fiend?), but the best of the bunch—for me, at least—was "Mr. Tilmore," by Aaron N. Carmichael. You may think your own little town is boring, but until you read Aaron's freaky fable, you won't have any idea of how dead things can get on

Okay, enough jokes. I just want to say that this story really is good. The adults who run the world always make allowances for kids, as you know; that's why Little League fields are smaller than regular baseball fields and the baskets are sometimes lowered When the Pee Wee Basketball teams play. We make the same allowances when it summer vacation. comes to painting pictures, playing music, writing poetry...or making up scary stories. But if you think the story you are about to read is only going to be scary "for a kid," you may be in for a surprise...and you may find yourself remembering Mr. Tilmore, that slightly strange fellow next door, after you turn the lights off tonight. You may even—heh-heh-heh-imagine he's there in the room with you. Fair warning, okay? My congratulations and admiration to all the finalists, including David Tamaki in Cresskill, New Jersey; Jeffrey Winter in Partlow, Virginia; and Joselyn Szczepaniak-Gillece, in Linthicum, Maryland...but my special congratulations to Aaron Carmichael, who wrote a story that's not just "scary for kids" but is "scary for anybody, even Stephen King." And for the rest of you, just remember that the best way to fight fire is with fire, and the best way to fight fear is with fear. In other words, keep writing those scary stories.

SERRY STORTES CONTEST WITHER MICH TELESCOPE

Written by: Aaron N. Carmichael

So I kid around a lot. Everybody jokes around! You've got to believe me! It's all true!

It had been a hot summer already and Monday, July 1, 1991, was no exception. I was out in the front yard of our old house mowing the lawn, which should have been mowed about a week before, and that was the reason it was taking me so long to get the job done. I turned the mower around to start another row and I could see that Ms. Tilmore was pulling her car into Old Man Tilmore's driveway. I decided then that today I would go down to the Tilmore house and I was going to demand the money that Ms. Tilmore had owed me for mowing her lawn the last three weeks.

Ms. Tilmore was Mr. Tilmore's daughter. Since Mr. Tilmore was so old and sort of "cuckoo" (or at least that's what was said around town), Ms. Tilmore had to take care of his finances, mail, shopping...she just had to basically take care of everything. She might have taken him to live at a home for the elderly, but he had refused

to go so she decided it was only right that she should take care of him. I had been mowing Mr. Tilmore's lawn since the beginning of the summer because as Ms. Tilmore explained, she wasn't married, had to work, and just didn't have time to do it.

All the kids at school called me crazy because the Tilmore house was haunted and because no one had seen Mr. Tilmore in over ten years. I never believed in that sort of thing and anyway, I had seen him myself. Sometimes when I mowed his lawn I could see him reading the newspaper, and every Monday night after baseball practice I could look into the window from the street and see him sitting in that same old chair reading the newspaper. Then there was that one time that I brought him cookies and I thought I heard him say something to me.

I had one more strip of grass to mow. I finished up, shut off the mower, and put it away. I popped my head into the house, told my mom what I was doing, and headed down the street.

On my way I thought about what I would say. It's hard for a kid to just go up to an adult and say, "Give me my money." I decided to just ask, "Do you have my money for the last three weeks?" That should do it. It didn't take long before I came to the house and walked up the front steps. I peeked into the window and could see a distorted shape of Mr. Tilmore through the mini-blinds. I pushed on the doorbell and stood there waiting. Then I looked through the window at Mr. Tilmore. He didn't seem to move. He was either not able to hear well or the doorbell didn't work. I pushed the doorbell again, then opened the screen

There was Mr. Tilmore, sitting in his recliner reading his newspaper,

or should I say the bones of Mr. Tilmore.

Suddenly I heard a voice that I recognized to be that of Ms. Tilmore. She walked in past me and took hold of my hand and pulled me close enough to the skeleton that I could read the headlines on the newspaper. She looked at me with her usual friendly grin and asked, "Have you met my father? I've wanted you to meet him for some time but he never seems to want to meet anyone anymore."

Ms. Tilmore walked over to the skeleton and ran her fingers lovingly through the scanty thin remains of hair on the dried stretched skin of Mr. Tilmore's skull. "He just sits here all day long reading that same old paper."

My eyes went to the paper again and this time I read the date:

September 7, 1979.

She got down on one knee and looked eye to eye with the remains of Mr. Tilmore.

"Can you say hello to Michael, Father?"

I didn't want to hear what would happen next. I almost expected the skull to speak, but nothing happened. She stood up to look at me.

"Now Michael, can you say hello to Father?"

I knew then that Mr. Tilmore hadn't been the crazy one. I turned and ran out the door, almost knocking over a lamp, and then I tripped on the front steps. Ms. Tilmore walked out with a check in her hand.

"Here you go," she said. "Father wanted you to have this for

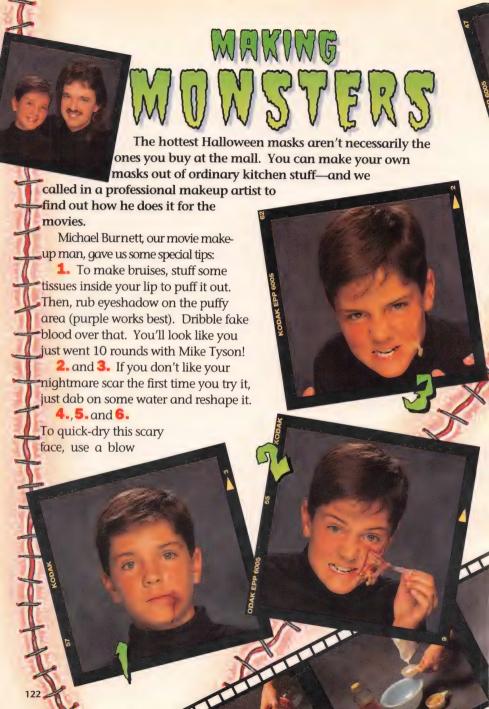
mowing the lawn."

I didn't even take the money.

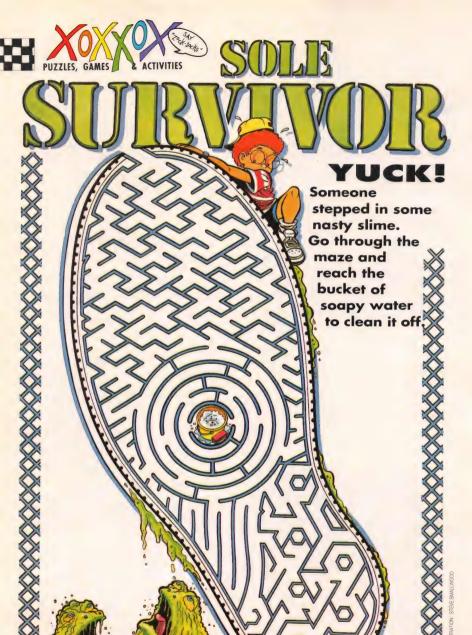
Do you believe me now? You should, this is one time I am not just kidding around.

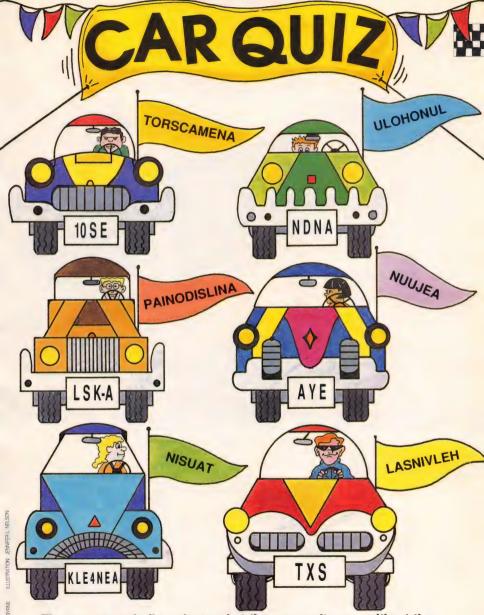
I don't mow the Tilmore lawn anymore, but every Monday night on my way home from baseball practice I see him through the window from the street. Mr. Tilmore, just sitting there, reading that same old newspaper.

HILISTRATION: MICHAEL WEPPI









The race starts in five minutes, but the cars can't move without the right pennants, and someone's mixed them up. To fix them, read the license plates to identify each car's home state. Then unscramble the state capitals on the pennants and match them to the license plates.

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What would the world look like if you were a mouse? These photos give you an idea. Can you guess what each one really is?



ANSWERS

5. Cake frosting

4. Keyhole

3. Toy top

2. Earring post

1. A/C plug prongs

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If Ariel doesn't make it through the shipwreck, she's sunk



You have to snare the crabs, before you can outbubble the eels.



You can tell big Ursula has a lot of practice on the fish toss.

If The Little Mermaid was your most favorite movie of all time, you'll love this video game. Flounder, Sebastian and Prince Eric are all there. But unfortunately, so are Ursula and her evil creatures. Sing along with "Under the Sea," as you help Ariel win the

prince and save her friends. It's an adventure you'll have to sea to believe.

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